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### California Teachers Summit Returns to SMC



For the fourth consecutive year, Saint Mary's has been selected to participate in the teacher-empowering event [Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#). Held at multiple sites across the state, the Summit takes place at SMC in the Soda Center on Friday, July 27, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. With a focus on PreK-12 teaching, this year's Summit includes a live-streamed address by noted international educator and author Sir Ken Robinson. Registration is free for all educators.

### SMC Mourns Loss of Corliss Watkins

Saint Mary's has lost Corliss Watkins, a beloved and highly respected member of the SMC community who served most recently as director of the Student



Engagement and Academic Success Office. In a [campus wide message](#) last week Provost Margaret Kasimatis shared the sad news, recognizing Watkins as an “unwavering champion for student success, educational access, and

our Lasallian principles of inclusive community and respect for all persons.” On Saturday July 21, a memorial organized by Watkins’s former High Potential program mentees [took place in the Redwood Grove](#). Attended by more than 80 people, the gathering featured heartfelt remembrances from former students and a prayer circle led by Watkins’s husband, Tony, who also taught for many years at the College.

## Summer Reading: Spotlight on Brother Javier Hansen

In this story, Brother Javier Hansen FSC '13 shares details of his memorable [experience meeting Pope Francis](#) and his participation in the “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment” conference in Rome this March. Brother Javier was selected as one of 300 delegates to the Pre-Synodal gathering focused on engaging young Catholics worldwide.



## Meet Haley Nelson: New Digital Content Producer in OCC



The Office of College Communications is pleased to announce the appointment of [Haley Nelson as Digital Content Producer](#). Haley brings to SMC both her enthusiasm and her proven experience as a photojournalist and digital videographer/editor, most recently at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in Pennsylvania. A Walnut Creek native, Haley considers working on SMC’s “beautiful campus, and in a place that is supportive and positive” to be a gift, she said.

**View**





In a test of speed and precision, participants in the fourth annual Lafayette Police Motorcycle Competition on Saturday, July 21 raced through a course of about 1,000 orange cones arranged in the shape of the Gaels logo in the front commuter parking lot. The competition, hosted by SMC for the second straight year, was paired with two related events: the Lafayette Auto Body's Classic Car Show and the annual Lamorinda Safety Fair, which featured hands-on presentations about police and public safety. Fair attendees quelled flames with a fire extinguisher and explored emergency-response vehicles and law enforcement helicopters, which landed on the Pat Vincent Memorial Field throughout the day.

## This Week on Campus

### In the news

[PBS NewsHour, Scientific American Feature Insights From SOS Professor Joel Burley On National Parks Ozone Study](#)

### Events

- 07/27 [Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#)
- 08/02 [Cuernavaca Conference](#)
- 08/15 [MA in Leadership Online Information Session](#)
- 08/18 [6th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament - Benefiting the SMC Men's and Women's Cross-Country and Track Program](#)
- 08/24 [New Student Convocation](#)
- 08/28 [MBA Information Session](#)
- 09/25 [Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions](#)
- 09/26 [MBA Alumni Book Club](#)

- 09/28 [18th Annual Tucci Golf Party](#)
- 09/28 [Parent and Family Weekend](#)

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## Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

## De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of July 23.](#)

## Go Gaels



## MTEN | Gaels Find Success at ITA Summer Circuit

Saint Mary's hosted an [ITA Summer Circuit tournament](#) July 6-8 at the Korth Tennis Complex and boasted winners in both the men's singles and doubles brackets. Junior Damon Kesaris and recent graduate Nash Vollenweider teamed up in the men's doubles, earning three straight wins and taking the championship. After a bye in the first round, Kesaris and Vollenweider won their matches, 8-4, 8-4, and 8-2 to finish first in the 12-pair bracket.

## Did You Know?

It's not too late to log your reading for the Saint Mary's College Library's "Power Up with Summer Reading" Challenge! Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible to participate, and every book you read gets you another entry for a prize! Prizes include gift cards, portable chargers, an exclusive 3-hour study room stocked with snacks, and more! [Get details and log your books.](#)

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News.](#)

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Major learning. Minor pretense.

